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shaker@ptialaska.net wrote on 10/14/2007 5:29:25 PM :

larry shaker (shaker@ptialaska.net) writes:

dear sir as a resident of kodiak alaska we have very much been looking forward to directv resolving its problems in alaska and i have in fact been working with there engineers to verify that indeed they have been resolved but as of thursday the 11th of october it is clear that they have not been resolved.it appears that a very large portion of our state was designed out of the footprint of the diretv satellite spaceway 2 at the 103 position and we were also designed out of the directv dtv10 satellites footprint also at the 103 position.both of these sattelites are designed to deliver ka band to the u.s.{hi def}.we were informed by an engineer on thursday that kodiak island was not included in those satellites footprint by design.dtv 10 s was designed with a 16 db drop in singal strength from anchorage to kodiak whick results in a zero signal streghth in kodiak. if we were far to the west of anchorage we could understand but in fact we are almost due south with no international boundries to be considered. in fact we are at 152 w lon. and anchorage is at 150 w lon. hawaii has full coverage with both satellites and extends to 160 w lon. excuse me if i'm wrong but i was very much under the impression that congress and the fcc told directv to clean up its act. this lack of coverage for alaska was not a technical problem but was done with intent. I subscribed to directv for years and finally stopped service because we only recieved 66% of what we paid for.but we were told that the problems would be resolved with the new satellites. i have had contact with Jim Butterworth the chief engineer of directv since the problems first appeared with the launch of dtv 8 in approx. 1998.I have infact hosted engineers from directv in kodiak as recently as august of this year but after much testing on my part with the help of directv engineers i was informed that this was done by design .I pointed out to Jim Butterworth in an email on oct. 12 that with these satellites having an approx. lifespan of 15 years that i will be 70!

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ears old before i will be allowed to enjoy what the rest of are country and in fact the world takes for granted and that only if they decide to address the situation in the next group of satellites.this is an injustice that can't be allowed to continue my government issued the license's for directv to operate these satellites and the fcc can force them to live upto the terms of the license.i think i'm correct in saying that Puerto Rico also recieved service from these satellites and they are not even a state. go figure!i would very much enjoy hearing your comments on this problem and how this problem can be resolved. i believe for a start that the transfer of control of directv to Liberty Media shoud be denied until we get to the bottom of this situation and we will pursue this situation with are our reps from congress.alaska is part of this country and i for one am getting tired og being treated like we are not. I will be consulting a law firm if this cannot be resolved in a timly manner for the purpose of looking at a class action lawsuit.

sincerely,
Larry Shaker

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